

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 9 to 14.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

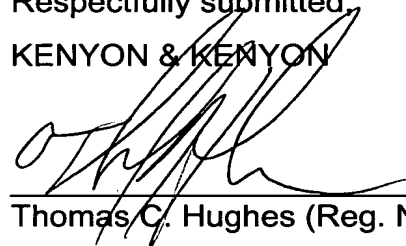
**FEES**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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